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HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of 2LT Ryan Leduc who was recently killed in Rutbah, Iraq.

2LT Leduc was a 28 year old native of Pana, Illinois. He was killed on September 22nd in a non-combat related vehicle accident. Leduc was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC.

2LT Leduc was a 1994 graduate of Pana High School, in Pana Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, he made the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by his fiancée, Megan McCabe; his mother, Nola Hector of Pana; and his father, David Leduc of Pana. My thoughts and prayers go out to his families and loved ones.

2LT Leduc gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten. Leduc, along with so many other brave men and women, put their lives on the line day in and day out. My sincere thanks goes out to them all. God bless them, and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING E. WILLIAM IOVANNE,
JR., 2004 RECIPIENT OF THE
CHARLES CARROLL OF CAR-
ROLTON AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

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Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family and friends in paying tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens and my dear friend, E. William Iovanne, Jr. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to our community, Bill is to be honored with the coveted Charles Carroll of Carrollton Award—the highest honor given to a Catholic layman by the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus. Through his generosity and compassion, Bill has touched the lives of thousands and I cannot think of a more deserving individual for such a prestigious honor.

Each year, this medal is presented by the John Barry Assembly, Knights of Columbus, to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the church, his or her parish, and the community at large. Throughout his life, Bill has dedicated both his professional and personal time to enriching the lives of others. As a member of the New Haven business community he has earned our respect and as a member of the Wooster Square community he has gained our affection.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut's Fair Haven neighborhood, Bill graduated from Notre Dame High School and pursued a career in the funeral business established by his father. The Iovanne Funeral Home has been a fixture in Wooster Square since 1928. For more than seventy-five years, Bill Iovanne and

his family have reached out to families in need, helping them cope with the pain of loss. With a combination of compassion and professionalism, Bill has long been known for making a most difficult period, a bit easier.

Beyond his professional career, Bill is also an active and involved member of our community. Well known for his work with a number of local service organizations, Bill has always demonstrated a unique combination of civic commitment and enthusiastic volunteerism. For anyone who has seen his comic routine pantomiming the late bandleader Louis Prima, which has been lent to numerous fund-raising efforts, his enthusiasm and heart-felt good will is undeniable. The Sacred Heart Academy, St. Michael's Church, the Society of St. Maria Maddalena, the Saint Andrew Apostle Society, Connecticut Hospice, and the Campania Club are just a few of the organizations which have benefitted from Bill's good work. It has been through these efforts that he has made such a difference in the lives of others.

There is one family that I know has been touched by Bill's generosity and spirit: my family. The Iovannes and DeLauros have a long history. For my mother, father, and me, the Iovannes have been trusted friends, steadfast supporters, and always a part of our extended family—the type of people who are always there with a kind word or a helping hand. I cannot thank Bill enough for the special friendship we have shared over the years.

Throughout his life, Bill has embodied the very spirit in which this prestigious award is bestowed. For his innumerable contributions to our community and in recognition of his outstanding generosity to others, I am proud to stand today to join his children: William and his wife Angeline; Richard and his wife Susan; and Beth Ann and her husband Joseph, grandchildren: Christina and Alec, family, friends, and the New Haven community in extending my sincere congratulations to my dear friend, E. William Iovanne, Jr. as he is honored with the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Award. His is a legacy that will continue to touch the lives of others for generations to come.

HONORING RABBI ALLEN B.
BENNETT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and Congressman STARK to honor the extraordinary contributions of Rabbi Allen B. Bennett of Alameda, California for thirty years of dedicated service to the community. Rabbi Bennett, through his tireless efforts as a religious and community leader in the Bay Area for over three decades, worked not only to improve and enrich the lives of those within his congregation, but has also served in that capacity to become a champion for peace, justice, and the well-being of all.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Rabbi Bennett began his post secondary studies at Western Reserve University, where he earned a degree in psychology in 1968. He then attended the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he earned a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters in 1972 and a

Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters as well as rabbinical ordination in 1974. After reaching this milestone, Rabbi Bennett moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where he began a residency program in Clinical Pastoral Education, a certification that would allow him to become a hospital chaplain. As a result, he served in the Rochester area for over three years, first as a resident, and then as the Jewish chaplain for the two hospitals affiliated with the Mayo Clinic as well as Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel, the multi-denominational synagogue in Rochester.

Following his time of service and education in Minnesota, Rabbi Bennett entered into a doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union at the University of California, Berkeley in 1977. There, while pursuing a Ph.D. in theology, psychology, sociology, and anthropology, he taught various Jewish studies courses at Emeritus College at the College of Marin, as well as other Bay Area universities.

In the years that followed, Rabbi Bennett continued and expanded his involvement in the Bay Area Jewish community. In addition to being elected rabbi at San Francisco's Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in 1979, he was later appointed Assistant Director of the Northern Pacific Regional Office of the American Jewish Congress, a capacity in which he served until 1989, at which point he became the Congress' Regional Executive Director. He later served also as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay in Oakland, until becoming the Rabbi at Temple Israel in 1996.

Since that time, Rabbi Bennett's work has been outstanding not only within the Temple at which he currently serves, but has also been a remarkable force for peace and social justice within the community as a whole. In addition to serving the Jewish community, he has been involved in an astounding number of civic and interfaith initiatives and activities on the local, regional, and national levels. Among these activities are his service on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, the Mayor's Committee for a Living Holocaust Memorial, the Conference of Black and Jewish Clergy, the San Francisco Interfaith Coalition on AIDS, and the Coalition for Civil Rights. Furthermore, was the Jewish representative taking testimony at the U.N. sponsored Oakland Hearings on Racism as a Violation of Human Rights, and has also served on the Board of Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group in San Francisco. Rabbi Bennett also currently serves on the Leadership Team and the Race and Community Relations Planning Team of the FAITHS Initiative of the San Francisco Foundation, the Alameda Hospital Ethics Committee and its Institutional Review Board, as Chair of the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Chaplaincy Advisory Board, as Vice President of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, as Treasurer of the East Bay Council of Rabbis, and the Union for Reform Judaism's Regional Committee on AIDS.

On November 13, 2004, Rabbi Bennett will be honored in Oakland, California for thirty years of truly outstanding service to Temple Israel and the greater Bay Area. This occasion is an opportunity for us to recognize him not only for his service within the faith community, but also for his outstanding leadership on the issues of civil rights, social equality, human